Attending APTA CSM 2021 (Virtually)

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The American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting (APTA CSM) is an annual gathering of physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, and students to advance the PT profession through sharing of knowledge and research, collaboration, and networking. This conference is also a time for APTA Section and SIG members to discuss updates within the groups and encourage participants to join in assisting with upcoming initiatives. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CSM 2021 will be held virtually from February 1-28, 2021, with content available online until March 31, 2021. APTA CSM 2021 will include great educational sessions, posters, platforms, and more and attendees can earn up to 2.0 CEUs. There will be live-content, pre-recorded sessions, message boards for engaging with speakers, and question-answer sessions.

The Academy of Oncologic Physical Therapy live content will include presentations and discussions of topics such as oncology research updates, translating research and clinical practice guidelines into clinical practice, integrating PT’s into oncological clinic teams, the future of residency training, and much more. Additionally, there will be two live platform sessions, pre-recorded poster sessions, and on-demand content covering topics such as the continuum of care for patients undergoing stem cell transplant, PT after joint replacement for tumor resection, movement problems in pediatric cancer, and pharmacology of chemotherapeutic drugs and oncology rehabilitation. Be on the lookout for additional information about other virtual events at CSM including an APTA Oncology Students and New Professional Subcommittee event, SIG meetings, and the APTA Oncology Business Meeting and Celebration of Life! See below for the full rundown of oncology programming, and sign up to learn about these interesting topics from expert clinicians at CSM Rates and Registration | APTA.

I encourage all students and new professionals interested in oncologic physical therapy to attend CSM 2021 to continue to learn about advancements in clinical care and research and to engage with speakers in discussion boards and interaction time following sessions. I attended APTA CSM 2020 in Denver, CO, and value the knowledge I gained about new topics in oncology rehabilitation from the educational, poster, and platform sessions. Getting to meet and learn from other clinicians and students across the country helped to connect me with resources to prepare for clinical rotations and continue to expand my knowledge beyond the conference. Attending meetings at CSM 2020 about residency, opportunities for student and new professional involvement, and SIGs ignited my desire to become more active within the Academy of Oncologic Physical Therapy and to connect with other students and clinicians who share my passion for oncology PT. I hope to virtually “see” many of you at CSM next month!
9:30 - 10:00 pm ET

**Pandemics: Lessons Learned in Virology, Caring for Patients, and Impact on Providers**
Speakers: Roberto Sandoval, PT, PhD, David Kietrys, PT, PhD, Mary Lou Galantino, PT, PhD, FAPTA, Sara Pullen, PT, DPT

**ON DEMAND CONTENT**

**Expanding the Continuum of Care for Patients Undergoing Stem Cell Transplant**
Speakers: Kimberly Presson, PT, DPT, Courtland Lee, OTR, MOT and Betty Holder, PT

**Physical Therapy After Joint Replacement for Tumor Resection: Expect the Unexpected**
Amanda Molnar, PT, Molly French, PT, DPT

**Unraveled: Using a Diagnostic Framework to Demystify Movement Problems in Pediatric Cancer**
Kelly Rock, PT, DPT, Victoria Marchese, PT, PhD, Daniel Steventon, PT, DPT

**Pharmacology of Chemotherapeutic Drugs: What Therapists Need To Know for Oncology Rehabilitation**
Pradip Ghosh, PT, PhD

**APTA Oncology Business Meeting and Celebration of Life - Date/Time TBD**

**SIG Meetings - Date/Time TBD**